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Response

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Response to the Second Office Action in the above case dated 11/28/2003 in the above matter, please consider the election below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.